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(U) Los Angeles - Congress Seeks Federal Probe of 'Criminal Gangs' Among LA County Deputies

(U) A congressional subcommittee has requested that the Department of Justice investigate allegations of systemic abuses by "criminal gangs" that employ aggressive policing tactics within the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. A spokesman for the LA Sheriff's Office said that the department "is taking aggressive action in disciplining those employees that use their association in cliques to engage in misconduct against others, inside or outside the organization."

SOURCE: 3 September 2020, Los Angeles Times

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(U) Ohio – Manhunt Underway After Veteran Cleveland Police Officer Shot and Killed

(U) Cleveland – A police officer is dead this morning after being killed in the line of duty in Ohio, and a manhunt is underway to find the suspect or suspects who shot him. The officer was a 25+ year veteran, officials said. The FBI identified him as Detective James Skernivitz, and in a tweet, said "reward money is available for info leading to arrest & conviction."

SOURCE: 4 September 2020, CNN

(U) Oregon – Authorities Arrest California Men on Possession of Fentanyl Pills for Sale

(U) Central Point – Eric Osuna and Adrian Perez, both 20 years old and from Moreno Valley, California, were arrested last week on felony drug charges following a traffic stop in which Oregon State Police says they found 6.4 pounds of synthetic opioid pills. During the stop, police found probable cause to search the vehicle, and ultimately found the pills hidden inside the trunk and underneath the sedan's back seat. SOURCE: 3 September 2020, Mail Tribune

(U) Oregon – Officials Arrest Two for Shining Lasers into Officer's Eyes

(U) Portland – A Portland man and woman were charged for allegedly shining a laser into the eyes of multiple police officers during riots in June and August, the Department of Justice announced yesterday. Hugo Ryan Berteau-Pavy, 26, and another individual allegedly stood in the middle of the street near the Multnomah County Justice Center in downtown Portland on 13 June and repeatedly shined a high powered laser into the eyes of several police officers. An officer was able to get a picture of Berteau-Pavy after the incident and kept track of him as the crowd was dispersed, the Department of Justice said in a press release.

SOURCE: 3 September 2020, <u>Daily Caller</u>

(U) Washington – Suspect in Fatal Portland Shooting Is Killed by Officers During Arrest

(U) Lacey – Law enforcement agents shot and killed an antifa supporter yesterday as they moved to arrest him in the fatal shooting of a right-wing activist who was part of a pro-Trump caravan in Portland, Oregon, officials said. The suspect, Michael Forest Reinoehl, 48, was shot by officers from a federally led fugitive task force during the encounter in Washington State, according to the US Marshals Service. SOURCE: 3 September 2020, New York Times

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(U) Wisconsin – Authorities Arrest Suspected Militia Members Accused of Traveling to Kenosha To Loot, Shoot People

(U) Kenosha – Federal agents arrested two Missouri men in Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin, after receiving a tip they were going to Kenosha to possibly "loot" and "pick people off," media reported yesterday. The FBI tracked the two men to a Pleasant Prairie hotel on 1 September. Investigators said they searched the men's vehicle and hotel room, where FBI agents recovered an AR-15 assault rifle, a 12-Gauge shotgun, two handguns, a silencer, ammunition, body armor, a drone, and other materials. Investigators said in court records neither men were legally allowed to possess guns because of criminal records. SOURCE: 3 September 2020, WISN News

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(U) Iraq – ISIS Launched More Than 100 Attacks in Iraq In August, Sharp Uptick from Previous Month (U) Baghdad – The remnants of ISIS in Iraq claimed 100 attacks across the country over the past month alone, according to an assessment by the Terrorism Research and Analysis Consortium (TRAC) released yesterday – marking a 25% uptick from July. The increase in assaults signals a worrying trend that ISIS is steadily re-emerging – via an array of sleeper cells – which is a cause for both regional and global concern, despite being territorially defeated in Iraq just over three years ago.

SOURCE: 3 September 2020, Fox News

(U) New Zealand – New Zealand Stock Exchange Shut Down by Cyber Attack

(U) Auckland – New Zealand's Stock Exchange Market (NZX) suffered cyber-attacks for four days in a row, forcing the government to activate the country's National Security System. The debt market and Fonterra market, however, resumed trading within three hours after abruptly shutting down on Friday afternoon. The government could not determine the source of the "offshore" cyber-attack, casting doubts on its ability to stop future attacks.

SOURCE: 3 September 2020, CPO Magazine

(U) United Kingdom – Accused Neo-Nazi Teen Arrested for Teaching Others How to Modify Guns

(U) Birmingham – Birmingham Crown Court was told that the 17-year-old made the comment following his arrest in September last year, after advising members of the so-called Feuerkrieg Division (FKD) on how to convert a blank-firing gun into a live weapon. Sketches of home-made gun designs and one of a 'DIY shotgun shell' were also found in a notebook, the court heard. The teen, unnamed in press because of his age, told the court he was not preparing terror attacks but instead was "venting." SOURCE: 3 September 2020, Daily Mail

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